

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for trimming a person's nails, the apparatus comprising:

a mobile housing comprising an elongated body member for which a person may grasp;  
an electric drive device within and coupled to the mobile housing, the electric drive device having a transfer member;

a power supply contained within the mobile housing to supply power to the electric drive device when activated by a switch;

a movable head coupled to the transfer member of the electric drive device, the movable head being adapted to receive mechanical energy from the electric drive device through the transfer member;

an abrasive surface coupled to the movable head, the abrasive surface having a grit being capable of a grinding action which when moving will trim a person's nail without damaging surrounding epidermal tissue; and

a shock absorbing member coupled between the movable head and abrasive surface, the shock absorbing member being capable of allowing the abrasive member to conform onto a non-conformal surface, such as around a person's finger and nail,

whereby when activated the movable head is moving at a predetermined speed to trim a person's nail while the person's finger remains unharmed.

28. The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the shock absorbing member is a resilient, conforming ~~mechanism~~ material that is selected from a ~~compliant mechanical means, foam,~~ foam or elastomer.

29. Cancelled

30. (New) The apparatus of Claim 26 wherein the movable head oscillates.

- 31. (New)      The apparatus of Claim 26, wherein the movable head rotates.
- 32. (New)      The apparatus of Claim 26, wherein the movable head laterally moves.
- 33. (New)      The apparatus of Claim 26, wherein the movable head moves in an orbital motion.
- 34. (New)      The apparatus of Claim 26, wherein the transfer member moves the movable head in at least two motions, defined as a second motion that is different than a first motion.
- 35. (New )     The apparatus of Claim 26, wherein the abrasive surface is removable from the movable head.
- 36. (New)      The apparatus of Claim 26, wherein the abrasive surface has a graphic design to provide a pattern during movement of the movable head.